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All persons are by nature free and independent, and have certain natural and unalienable rights, among which are those of enjoying and defending life and liberty, of acquiring, possessing, and protecting property, and of pursuing and obtaining safety and happiness.

--Article I, Section 1, New Jersey State Constitution

NEW GUN BILL IN TRENTON

Everyone knows that New Jersey is one of the most gun-restrictive states in the country. And if Senators Codey and Adler get their way, things will get even worse. The restrictions listed in their bill, S.351, border on the absurd. The three major goals of S.351 are as follows:

a) *Strictly limiting the availability of handguns by establishing prohibitions on their sale, possession, and importation;*

b) *Encouraging a reduction in the number of lawfully possessed handguns; and*

c) *Establishing a rigorous system of regulation over the transportation and transfer of handguns in New Jersey.*

S.351 contains 61 pages of firearms restrictions that rival the Nazi Weapons Law of 1938. They are so restrictive that even gun owners in other states are affected. Say you live in Maryland and want to go deer hunting in New York. If you drive through New Jersey and have a handgun, you'd be required to: *"Prior to transportation through this State such person shall give written notification to the Superintendent [of State Police] of the time and route to be utilized in transporting the handgun through the state."*

And while traveling through "Nazi" Jersey you decide to stop off somewhere to grab a bite to eat...just make sure you don't wonder too far off your prescribed route. Sec. (c) states: *"The course of travel through this state includes only those deviations as are reasonably necessary under the circumstances."*

S.351 is so restrictive that many have said they don't give it much of a chance of getting passed in Trenton. We hope that's true, but don't bet on it. To receive a copy of S.351 call Legislative Services at 800-792-8630. There's no charge. (NJM has 2 handbills opposing S-351; send \$1 an SASE for masters to copy and distribute.)

RUMORS

To-date, thirty-nine incumbent Congressmen (mostly liberal Democrats) have decided not to run for re-election. That's an unusually high number by anyone's standard. Rumor has it that members of a certain patriot group (known as "The Fifth Column") got into Swiss bank computers and downloaded bank statement information.

It seems that a number of Congressmen have Swiss accounts that they would like to remain private. The story is that this information was downloaded, printed, and then hand-delivered to Congressional offices in Washington, D.C.

Surprise, surprise---39 incumbents decided it's time to retire from politics. We're not saying that all 39 retirees have Swiss accounts, just "a number" of them.

Rumor also has it that the Feds know who the hackers are (former government employees who specialize in computer break-ins) but can't find them. It's also rumored that more Congressmen will be retiring in the future. We can only hope.

TRI-STATE CONTROVERSY

Controversy is brewing throughout the patriot community over recent developments involving John Parsons, leader of the Tri-State Militia in South Dakota.

After learning of a certain group planning to blow up a building, Parsons notified the FBI, who moved quickly and arrested those involved.

The controversy comes into play when the FBI, in appreciation for Parsons help, started giving him \$1,775.00 a month to help with rent and child-support payments. To-date, Parsons has received 7 checks from the FBI, totaling \$12,425. The checks were sent to the local Sheriff, who in turn gave them to Parsons.

Needless to say, many militia groups around the country are outraged that a militia leader would receive money from the FBI. As one Patriot remarked, *"If you're on their payroll you work for them."*

Ohio State Militia leader, J.J. Johnson announced that he is severing all contact with Tri-State. With the information NJM has (very little---only what we hear on the short-wave) it would appear that, at the very least, Parsons made one hell of a stupid mistake. It will no doubt be considered *"The Unpardonable Sin"* among many militia groups.

A SAD DAY AT NJM

A very sad day indeed! We received a copy of an ADL, (Anti-Defamation League), **Special Report: The Militia Movement In America.** As we gleefully thumbed through the pages looking for a mention of the New Jersey Militia, it was to our profound disappointment to discover that our name was not mentioned.

We promptly mailed a copy of our news letter to ADL and demanded that we be included in their "hate list" with all the other militias across the country.

US MARSHALS REWARDED FOR MURDER!

I just learned, via the *Ron Paul Survival Report*, that the five surviving US Marshals of the assault on Ruby Ridge in which a fourteen year old boy and his mother were killed have received the highest award offered by the Marshal Service for their "heroic" participation. In case you haven't noticed, folks, Randy Weaver and Kevin Harris were both acquitted in a subsequent trial of any wrong doing at Ruby Ridge or the events preceding it. The government agents in charge were reprimanded after the siege, and during the trial the

government lawyers were chastised for their misconduct.

Question: if Randy and Kevin were innocent then who is guilty for the murders of Vicky, Sammy and Marshal Degan? Why haven't the people in charge of this fiasco been brought to trial?

The Scriptures tell us that a land is defiled and cursed when innocent blood has been shed and the perpetrators are not brought to justice. If this case doesn't exemplify the meaning of this verse then none ever will.

Wake up good people! Many innocent people have already been sacrificed to the new god of the state! The state now considers itself to be a legitimate body unto itself, that has the right to do as it pleases and we are to support it with our subservience and taxes.

How much more do we have to see? Aren't the murders of Gordon Kahl, Vicky & Sammy Weaver (Ruby Ridge), 18 children below the age of eight (Waco), etc. enough? Your freedoms, liberties, and rights are being systematically taken from you and you do nothing about it! Search out the truth so that you can make good judgments and decisions. Realize the major media are just mouth pieces for the government and their lackeys.

The signs of the times are ominous indeed and time is running out. Get involved and get educated. The New Jersey Militia is standing by to arm you with the truth if you have the fortitude and tenacity to seek it out.

"The only thing necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing."
Edmund Burke, 1729-1797.

In His Service,
Daniel M. Johns
Elder, Yahweh's Remnant Church

(Editor's note: Daniel Johns is forming a Militia in Salem County. You can contact him at: P.O. Box 195, Hancock's Bridge, N.J. 08038. (609) 339-9728).

TERRIFYING TERROR BILL

By David Kopel

(NOTE: *This article was written before H.R. 2703 was passed in the House.*---Ed.)

The House of Representatives has voted on a "terrorism" bill promoted by President Bill Clinton and Illinois Congressman Henry Hyde. If the bill becomes law the American people will suffer a profound loss of liberty, for no real gain in their security.

Thanks to the tenacity of Georgia Congressman Bob Barr, a former United States Attorney, the House bill is considerably better than the horrible bill which the Senate passed

last May. But the House bill is still a civil liberties disaster (*and all of the measures that Barr deleted could be included in the Senate-House conference.*---Ed.)

You can read every line of the very lengthy House bill, and its Senate counterpart, and you will not find a single thing that would have prevented the heinous Oklahoma City bombing, or the Arizona train derailment. But you will find many ways in which ordinary American citizens will be forced to surrender their rights, as some kind of symbolic sacrifice to the memory of Oklahoma City, and President Clinton's determination to show that he can "do something" about crime.

First, the bill virtually destroys the right of habeas corpus - the right of a person to ask a federal court to rescue them when they are being held in a state prison in violation of the Federal Constitution. Although the anti-habeas provision is presented as a measure for speeding up executions, it applies to all cases, not just death penalty ones.

Destroying habeas corpus won't take any criminal off the street, since the only people who can petition for a writ of habeas corpus are people already in custody. And the only people for whom a court will grant a writ of habeas corpus are people who are illegally being held prisoner.

Next, the bill allows the President to label a group a "terrorist organization" and thereby makes it a federal felony for a person to support the legal activities of that group. Such a law would have made it a felony to pay five dollars for a ticket to attend a speech by Nelson Mandela, when his African National Congress was fighting South Africa's apartheid government.

Illegal wiretaps would be admissible in court, as long as the wiretapping federal officials was acting in "good faith." (Try proving that he was acting in bad faith.)

The bill also authorizes federal law enforcement to gather personal information---such as reports from credit bureaus, employment records, and travel information---without obtaining a court order, and without even suspicion that the individual is involved in criminal activity.

The bill also has become the vehicle for gun control legislation that could never pass Congress on its own steam this session. Currently, it is illegal to sell someone a firearm if you know that it will be used in crime. The bill would apply a five year mandatory minimum to cases in which the seller allegedly "should" have known (but didn't actually know) that the gun would be used in a crime. Since hindsight is 20/20, the provision would allow

anti-gun prosecutors to destroy almost any gun store they chose to target. [*This has already happened to Bill Lord, a former gun store owner in Texas*---Ed.]

At the worst, the bill will contain a amendment by New York Rep. Charles Schumer banning many types of handgun and rifle ammunition. At the least, Janet Reno's Department of Justice is directed to "study" an ammunition ban, a study which will almost certainly set the stage for a future ammo ban.

The alleged need for banning ammo is the 1995 mini-flap over "Black Rhino" ammunition. But the Black Rhino is not an endangered ammunition species---it never existed; the whole thing was shown to be a hoax, in which gullible newsmagazines swallowed a would-be inventor's fish story.

For the first time in American history, trials with secret evidence would be authorized, in certain cases in which aliens (including legal resident aliens) could be deported, or held indefinitely in federal prison. Once the principle of secret evidence becomes law, it will be hard to resist its application to other cases---particularly cases involving taxes, drugs, or unregistered guns---in which informers are commonly used.

Secret evidence was supposed to have been killed in 1641, when Parliament abolished the infamous Star Chamber. The confrontation clause of the Sixth Amendment should have driven a stake through its heart. "Con-gress" would surely be the opposite of "progress" if it returns us to legal barbarities from the despotic reign of King Charles the First.

Finally the bill will be sent to a conferences committee, to be merged with the Senate bill. At least some of the provisions enacted by the Senate but not included in the house bill would likely be put into the final bill. Such provisions include expanding use of the military in domestic law enforcement; funding for "Digital Telephony" to make the entire U.S. phone system wiretap friendly, and to allow government officials to tap a phone line without even needing to leave their office; authorizing "roving wiretaps" that allow wiretaps of homes and business without a warrant and without suspicion of criminal activity; giving the BATF an extra hundred million dollars, despite the lack of major reforms to prevent another Ruby Ridge or Waco.

This is not the first generation of Americans to face security threats. The early American Republic faced a risk of attack by Great Britain, supported by the numerous American Tories. George Washington's second term saw a full-scale uprising---the Whiskey Rebellion, which came only a few years after Shay's

"Today we need a nation of Minutemen. Citizens who are not only prepared to take arms , but citizens who regard the preservation of freedom as a basic purpose of their daily life and who are willing to constantly work and sacrifice for their freedom."

---John F. Kennedy, 1961

Rebellion. More recent generations have faced Nazi and Communist subversion, supported by American traitors and spies. These threats certainly exceeded whatever dangers the current generation faces.

Previous Congresses never used the dangers of the moment as a reason to destroy habeas corpus, to allow courtroom use of illegal wiretaps, to punish American citizens for supporting legal political activity, or to try people on secret evidence. What a mockery it would be for a "revolutionary" small Congress to destroy in a single stroke the rights for which so many of our ancestors gave their lives, their fortune, and their sacred honor to pass down to our generation. Will Congress sell our birthright for a mess of pottage?

GREETINGS FROM WASHINGTON

Hello New Jersey Militia,

I first read of your organization in a late issue of APRA News, then read an issue of your excellent newsletter. As you acknowledge, New Jersey has some terrible legislation. It's ironic that the heart of the American Revolution, states that gave birth to our constitutional republic, now furthers tyranny!

However, these disgusting problems are occurring all across the U.S. It's a sad reality but our Republic is sinking far faster than that of the ancient Roman Republic. We are literally drawing in an illegal alien invasion. Thus---long life to the Militia cause!

The Militia, at least in sentiment, is wide spread here in the Northwest.

Well, people, I salute you and will soon send a subscription to your excellent newsletter.

P.S. The American Pistol & Rifle Assn. is now merged with Gun Owners of America.

Sincerely,

Jim W.

Riflemen, U.S. Militia

Spokane, Republic of Washington

"THE PHOTO"

During the Waco hearings held in Washington last year we were told that the tear gas rounds fired into the Davidian Compound were harmless.

On his radio program, G. Gordon "The G-Man" Liddy, said that a photograph of an infant with a 40mm hole in its body, unquestionably made by a tear-gas round fired into the compound, was purposely withheld from the hearings.

"The government will not release the photo to the public," Liddy said, "but if I get my hands on it I'll make it public".

Congress knew that the photo would sway public opinion against the government. The purpose of the hearings was to demonize David Koresh, not Janet Reno and the FBI

FREUDIAN SLIP...NOT!

Sigmund Freud, in his book *General Introduction To Psychoanalysis* (1952) wrote, "A fear of weapons is a sign of retarded sexual and emotional maturity".

It will now be the policy of NJM to place the names of those who request removal from our mailing list into a new category titled: "Sexual Retards".

H.R. 2580

H.R. 2580: "To Guarantee a Republican Form of Government to the States by Preventing Paramilitary Violence" was introduced by Rep. Charles Schumer to the Committee on the Judiciary, November 2, 1995. On close examination it is a blatant anti-militia, anti-patriot, and even anti-conservative nonsense. Schumer believes that a "Republican Form of Government Guarantee Act" (short title), is needed to save our country.

The Constitution, Bill of Rights, *Federalist Papers*, and the collective writings (and wisdom) of the Founding Fathers isn't enough. Charles ("I know more than anybody") Schumer knows just what's needed to save our nation. Namely, criminalize anyone who disagrees with him.

After quoting Article IV, Section 4 of the Constitution, Schumer states: "Organized criminal actions are an increasing threat to the republican form of government in some states." Sounds as if Schumer is referring to governmental abuses such as Waco, Ruby Ridge, and a myriad of other similar actions. But that's not the case, H.R. 2580 states: "Most victims are targeted solely because of their views or activism on controversial political issues such as gun control, abortion, environmental matters, or the role of government in society." Pro-gun control, pro-abortion, pro-environmental matters and pro-(i.e. big)-government are predominately liberal issues, and according to H.R. 2580, qualifies you for victim status. Conservatives need not apply.

To further illustrate this Schumer says: "This violence has increased in part because of unfounded exaggerations about the impact of recent firearms laws such as the Brady Bill and the ban on assault weapons, as well as baseless conspiracy theories regarding the government; and the climate of violence created by these criminals threatens to undermine republican government in some states." (page 2).

Only those who are anti-gun control, anti-Brady Bill, anti-assault weapons ban, anti-abortion, anti-environmental issues and anti-big government are candidates for "criminal" and "organized criminal actions" status, and prone to "violence". Liberals need not apply. The very wording of H.R. 2580

excludes those with a liberal ideology from criminal status.

As strange as this may sound, Unabomber suspect Kaczynski would not be affected by H.R. 2580. His 18-year bombing campaign wasn't aimed at destroying a "republican form of government", just technology. This fact illustrates how one-sided Schumer's bill is worded.

Without a doubt, Schumer's H.R. 2580 contains some of the best examples of Orwellian "Newspeak" that has come out of Washington to-date: What's the difference between "organized criminal actions" and "organized crime"? Schumer is attempting to give "organized crime" status (a phrase usually reserved for the Mafia) to conservative political ideology. And at the same time making liberal political ideology tantamount to a "Republican Form of Government."

Confucius once said: "When words lose their meaning people lose their liberty." Schumer is attempting to change the definition of words which history has proven to be very dangerous.

During WWII the Third Reich placed all of Germany's problems on the Jewish people. In order to "save" the German Republic the "problem" had to be "eliminated". Subsequently, laws were passed making it "criminal" to be Jewish. Schumer's H.R. 2580 plagiarizes this Nazi technique: single out a group of people and blame the nations troubles on them. What's next? The "Final Solution"? And Washington wonders why militias are forming around the country.

Schumer, who is Jewish, should know better than to use a technique against the American people today that decimated his own people in history.

MORRIS "THE MORALIST" DEES

Morris Dees is the director of the Southern Poverty Law Center. Pathologically anti-militia, and arch-champion of all things liberal he also has some liberal views concerning matrimony. Divorce papers (Case No. 2114) filed by Maureen Dees in the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Alabama, on March 8, 1979 brings many things to light concerning Mr. Dees. Much of the Appellant reads like an X-rated script for a Marx Brothers' movie. The following excerpts speak for themselves and need no comment from us.

"Although Maureen was subjected to a number of degrading sexual episodes by Morris during the marriage, neither Morris or Maureen ever wanted or sought a divorce until Morris established his permanent relationship with Vicki McGaha..."

"After Maureen and Morris had been separated for about four to six weeks, Morris telephones her and said that he had made a mistake, that he did love Maureen and

wanted her back, and he swore never to see Vicki McGaha again (R.282). To assure her of this Morris arranged another meeting among the three of them at Joe Levin's lake cabin on July 3, 1978. This meeting was bizarre. In a three-way conversation Morris would first ask Vicki to state how much she loved him, and would then turn to Maureene and ask her to state how much she loved him. It was as if he were staging a contest to see who loved him the most, or who would do the most for him. After a lengthy conversation, during which Morris had taken his socks off, he announced, 'All right, I'll tell you girls my answer when I get my socks on.' After taking an inordinate amount of time putting his socks on, he got up, walked around behind them, put his arm on each girl, and ceremoniously stated, 'I tell you this day, July 3, 1978, I, Morris Dees, can't live without either one of you.' At that point, Maureene said, 'I tell you what, Vicki, you can have him.' To be continued...

THE MILITIA STEPS IN

A Ruby Ridge-type incident was narrowly avoided in Louisiana when authorities descended on a private home to arrest a man for failure to pay child support.

An army of militia, armed with tape recorders and cameras, mustered to north-central Louisiana last month in defense of a doctor surrounded by a group of 50 FBI agents and local sheriff's deputies.

Law enforcement officials wanted to arrest Dr. Lynn Truman Crawford at the home of his 80 year old mother in Coushatta, about 50 miles southeast of Shreveport, on February 21. However, the arrest went bad after the Crawford family dog was killed while protecting the home from a police dog. (Sound familiar?) After the dog was shot by a deputy, Crawford armed with a rifle or shotgun, drove the police off.

A nine-hour siege ensued after FBI agents and deputies surrounded the Crawford residence.

During the siege, Crawford phoned patriot talk shows and faxed pleas for help to militia around the country.

MILITIA RESPONDS

Within hours, militia members were on the scene to keep an eye on things. Some called Radio Free America giving listeners the most up to date information.

Militiamen remembered too well Ruby Ridge, Idaho, where a federal agent, 14 year-old Sammy Weaver, his mother Vicki and a family dog were killed in 1992 when federal agents attacked the family home attempting to serve a specious warrant.

"Everyone we sent was heavily armed-with still cameras, tape recorders and video cameras," said Mike Kemp, a spokesman for the Gadsden Minute Men in published reports.

"By Sunday, we had over 100 people on the ground from all over the country, trying to ensure this would not turn into another Ruby Ridge", said Johnny Johnson of the Texas Constitutional Militia.

Police authorities said they too remembered the Ruby Ridge scene and wanted to prevent another one.

"To de-escalate the situation" the FBI press release stated, "agents and sheriff's personnel retired to a secure position and set up a perimeter."

Five days later, Crawford surrendered to FBI agents. He is currently in federal custody in Oklahoma City.

According to an FBI press release, Crawford was initially charged "for violation of Title 18, Section 228, the Child Support Recovery Act", (a non-violent misdemeanor). However, according to the November-December, 1995 issue of Prosecutor, a federal district court in Arizona ruled July 26 that failure to pay child support is not a federal crime.

"The Child Support Recovery Act of 1992, 18 Sect. 228, making it a criminal offense to willfully refuse to pay support with respect to a child residing in another state, is unconstitutional. The jurisdictional predicate---the fact that parent and child must live in different states---did not provide the necessary link to interstate commerce, according to the court..."

Explanations as to why 50 agents and deputies, as reported by the Shreveport Times, plus two helicopters, were needed to arrest Crawford on a "non-violent" misdemeanor charge, has not been explained by either federal or parish officials.

"This is absolutely absurd," said Ted L. Gunderson, a retired 28 year veteran of the FBI and former Senior Special Agent in Charge of the Los Angeles Field Office of the Bureau. "There is no reason for the FBI to be involved in a case like this, a family domestic dispute," Gunderson added. "Obviously, the FBI has far more serious matters to deal with than domestic disputes. And this law, if it is in fact even constitutional, is just another attempt of the federal government to usurp local law."

Taken from the March 18, 1996 issue of the Spotlight by Mike Blair.

Bulletin to all Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines, Guardsmen and Reservists

"I, Michael G. New, do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and

that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to the regulations and the Uniform Code of Military Justice. So help me God."

So swore New upon enlisting in the U.S. Army. The adherence to that oath cost the five-time decorated medic from Texas a less-than-honorable discharge when he refused a United Nations blue beret and the extra \$150 a month that came with it.

New, who served in Germany with the 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, 3d Infantry Division at the time of his court martial, realized that the Constitution and the UN Charter are mutually exclusive. This is borne out by the UN oath of allegiance: "I solemnly affirm to exercise in all loyalty, discretion and conscience the functions entrusted to me as a member of the International Service of the UN, to discharge those functions and regulate my conduct with the interest of the UN only in view, and not to seek or accept instructions in respect to the performance of my duties from any government or other authority external to the organization." Whereas the Constitution guarantees individual rights and limited government, the UN Charter promises individual rights "except as provided by law" and concentrates unlimited power in the would-be world government. Even the oaths required of the soldiers who serve them plainly show the difference. Furthermore Americans serving under the UN are UN soldiers, as Vice President Gore made clear when he told the families of the Americans killed in the friendly fire downing of two helicopters over Iraq April 14, 1994, that they died "...in the service of the United Nations."

President Clinton ordered the 540 soldiers of the 1/15th to go to Macedonia; New's commanding officer ordered New to go to Macedonia. Both orders were unlawful, and in direct violation of the Constitution and the UCMJ. The President based his order on Section V of Presidential Decision Directive #25, signed May 3, 1995, which states "The President...will never relinquish command authority over US forces." In newspeak fashion the very next sentence says, "On a case by case basis, the President will consider placing appropriate US forces under operational control of a competent UN commander for specific UN operations authorized by the [UN] Security Council." PDD #25's authority comes from Title 22 US Code Sect. 287d which states that "The President is authorized to negotiate...special agreements with the Security Council...for the purpose of maintaining international peace in accordance with Article 43 of said Charter." But that is pure deception; Congress has never ratified Article 43. Thus 22 USC 287d is not law. The President is clearly attempting to mislead the American people by citing an Article that is null and void.

But PDD #25 aside the President's order is unlawful on other grounds as well. *"The President shall be Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States..."* (Art. II, Sect. 2, Constitution). Thus there is no lawful way that he can delegate his power as Commander in Chief to anyone, let alone a Finnish general, the commander of American forces in Macedonia.

The Army charged New with a violation of Article 92 of the UCMJ: *"...a violation of a lawful order."* He had two courses of action: to accept a non-judicial punishment under Article 15, or to request a court martial that carries with it the risk of a reduction in rank, loss of 2/3 pay or confinement for six months. New chose the court martial because a conviction could be appealed, and, if overturned, could save other soldiers from unlawful military operations. Ironically he was found guilty even though the UCMJ requires soldiers to refuse orders that conflict with the Constitution e.g. Art. II, Sect. 2, or are null and void like PDD #25.

"Moral courage is as important as physical courage. It is the courage to stand firm on your values, your moral principles, and your convictions. You show moral courage when you do something based on your values or moral principles, knowing that the action may not be in your best interest. It takes special courage to support unpopular decisions and to make it difficult for others to do the wrong thing. Others may encourage you to embrace a 'slightly' unethical solution as the easiest or most convenient method. Do not ease the way for others to do wrong; stand up for your beliefs and what you know is right. Do not compromise your professional ethic or your sober and considered judgment. Hold your position." (Military Leadership, US Army Field Manual 22-100, Chap. 4, 'We the People')

Soldier, Sailor, Airman and Marine, Guardsman and Reservist, you cannot rely on your Judge Advocate General to inform you about the lawfulness of Presidential orders! In order to understand your sworn oath, you must study the Constitution and, when necessary, act with the moral courage of a Michael G. New!

Ed.: NJM distributed this flier at a rally at Ft. Dix, March 23, 1996. Send us an SASE for a master that you can copy and distribute.

New Jersey Militia during the Revolution Part I

"New Jersey militia kept Sir William Howe's army cooped up at New Brunswick and Amboy, dependent on river-borne supplies from New York in the winter after the Trenton-Princeton campaign. They had a great part in stopping Howe's advance on Philadelphia the following summer. By their labor they

contributed greatly to the defense of the forts on the Delaware...Farmers and militia joined the Continentals at the battle of Springfield in defeating the last serious military operation by the British in New Jersey (p. viii)...

"From a council of war on Christmas eve [1776] orders were sent down to Cadwalader at Bristol to cross the river with his Associators [Philadelphia militia] and a New England brigade on Christmas night and engage the Hessians around Bordentown. A thousand Pennsylvania and New Jersey militia were given orders to cross opposite Trenton that same night and seize the bridge over the Assunpink at the lower end of the town, thus cutting off the retreat of the Hessians in that direction, while Washington led a picked force of 2400 men, with 18 guns, against them at the upper end by a night march from McConkey's ferry down the left bank of the Delaware (p. 20-21)...

"Down along the lower Delaware Tories and Patriots were so evenly matched that they appear to have raided each other, turn and turn about. Up in the hills with Morristown as their base, Patriot militia [in 1776] numbering between seven hundred and one thousand men, were soon raiding the lowlands for cattle that would otherwise have gone to feed the enemy (p. 26-27)...

"Something like consternation had, indeed, prevailed among the British: so sure had they been of their conquest of New Jersey. Word of the defeat at Trenton was brought to Princeton by the flying dragoons, and some fifty officers and men of the [Hessian] Knyphausen regiment who had escaped capture by swimming the Assunpink confirmed it. But [British general] Grant at New Brunswick was furious at von Donop's report of his withdrawal to Allentown and ordered him to remain there. Upon a report, however, that fourteen hundred rebels were marching by way of Pennington to join the Jersey militia at Rocky Hill for an attack on Princeton, [British general] Leslie ordered von Donop to join him there (p.34)...

"[After the battles of Trenton and Princeton] General Howe himself was moved to inform Lord George Germain, Secretary of State for the Colonies, "with much concern", that the enemy's success had "thrown us further back than was at first apprehended, from the great encouragement it has given the rebels." Of New Jersey a British officer wrote, doubtless with some exaggeration: "the revolt all at once became universal." Actually, however, the Jersey militia had forced the British to evacuate their posts at Hackensack, Newark, and Elizabeth Town, and the ten thousand [British and Hessian] troops that occupied Perth Amboy and New Brunswick, with strong detachments at Raritan Landing and Bonhamtown, dominated little territory beyond the range of their muskets. (p. 43)

"At Washington's orders the militia swept the surrounding country clean of supplies and of the wagons and horses to haul them. The

British foraging expeditions were so heavily assailed by parties of wily farmers that they had to be escorted by not less than two battalions. Supplies had to be brought from New York to meet the shortages in food, fodder, and fuel, and the boats that supplied the posts up the Raritan were pestered by sharpshooters on the banks, and one was sunk by cannon shot at the Roundabouts...The militiamen, with their knowledge of the country and burning with the animosity with which the British occupation and Tory persecution had filled them, were the best possible troops for making the enemy garrisons miserable. For example, on January 20 [1777] they, with a stiffening of Pennsylvania riflemen, routed a British raid on the flour mills at Millstone, capturing forty wagons and a hundred of the enemy's precious horses (p. 44-45)...

"[Meanwhile at Morristown] Reinforcements came in so slowly that by the end of January the only regulars remaining [there] were 800 Continentals who were slated to go home in another two weeks, five Virginia regiments and three other battalions which the attrition of service had reduced to about one hundred men each...Washington begged Congress to send him every militiaman that Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia could be persuaded to call out. The New Jersey militia, he told Congress, were growing discouraged, exhausted by their continual service against the enemy. (p. 47-48) ...

[On May 28, 1777] Washington, who had been keeping his troops busy at drill and target-practice, broke up the camp at Morristown and led his army southward to the Middlebrook Valley, where he placed it in a strong position a little to the north of Bound Brook. Thence he could more quickly threaten the flank of any British advance on Philadelphia or easily march back through Morristown to Peekskill if Howe should move up the Hudson. And there, moreover, he could well afford to await the enemy's next move, for now his forces grew stronger every day. The New Jersey militia joined him in large numbers. The Rhode Island regiments were hastening from Peekskill to join him, and down on the Delaware the Pennsylvania militia were gathering enthusiastically...for the defense of the river crossings, if that should become necessary.

"Not until June 11 did Howe advance. And then he moved...toward Bound Brook, as if intending to cross the Delaware at Coryell's Ferry. At the head of an army of 11,000 troops, who were now in excellent condition...he was continually assailed by parties of armed farmers on horseback. It took him two days to reach a point three miles beyond Somerset Court House and only 13 miles from New Brunswick, and there he remained for nearly a week, evidently in the hope that Washington would attack him. But Washington refused to be lured from his entrenchments; his position was too strong to be taken without crippling losses; and Howe dared not march on to the Delaware leaving the

unbeaten American army in his rear. Meanwhile Morgan's riflemen and the neighboring farmers assailed his convoys, cut up his patrols, and nightly harassed his outposts (p. 55)...

"Although Howe's seaborne expedition against Philadelphia had shifted the war's principal theater of operations to Pennsylvania, it was far from leaving peace in New Jersey....Sir Henry Clinton, to whom Howe had committed the command of what Sir Henry called a "damned starved defensive" at New York, had relieved his frustration in mid-September by raids into Bergen and Essex counties which kept a considerable number of the New Jersey militia from marching to reinforce Washington's army. In October Washington had sent home some nine hundred of them as having done their full duty. But Governor Livingston had sent a thousand of them to support Putnam in the Highlands that month, when Clinton raided up the Hudson and burned the town of Kingston, New York.

"In West Jersey, where the Tories were numerous and active, the Patriot militia turned out reluctantly to assist in the defense of the forts on the Delaware, although Washington had begged Governor Livingston for all the help that New Jersey could give. Those who answered the call were entirely unsuited to the desperate character of the fighting in Fort Mifflin, but they rendered invaluable service in labor gangs that were ferried over to the fort [on Mud Island] each night to repair the damage done by each day's bombardment..." (p. 63-64)

To be continued.

New Jersey and the Revolutionary War,
Alfred Hoyt Bill

Marines See Urban Threat

U.S. Marine Corps planners have detailed an ambitious five-year experimental initiative that could yield a fundamentally different type of Corps. Critical to assessing alternative force structures and weapon mixes is the creation of a Special Purpose Marine Air Ground task Force. The II MAF at Camp LeJeune, N.C., will comprise special task force Urban Warrior which begins next March and extends through 1999. It is focused on operations in cities and what changes in Marine equipment or tactics are required to meet the operational demands of this environment. The Marines are developing plans to extend the program beyond 2001 to ensure its forces always are ready to meet the latest threats. *Defense News*, Mar. 25-31, 1996.

AN INQUIRING MIND WANTS TO KNOW

Dear NJM,

Do you feel being involved in the militia is criminal?

The ADL, (Anti-defamation League) actively spies on people and organizations that do not pledge to work for the best interests of Israel, even above the interests of the U.S.A.

The ADL, along with other pro-Israel groups, and state and federal police are seeking ways of finding those interested in militias. Beware who you talk to! You may think they are on your side but if their literature constantly refers to Nazi Germany or ancient Israel, well who is writing this stuff? Does N.J. Militia Newsletter enjoy being put in the company of the KKK, Skin Heads, Islamic Terrorists? If not, why don't you speak out against the ADL? Is your loyalty to Israel that great? Or are you actually

working for the ADL and the State Police? Lots of people are wondering.

G.G. Ocean County, NJ.

EDITOR'S NOTE: First, we seriously doubt that lots of people are wondering---in 10 months of publication this is the first letter of its kind we've received. It would be more accurate to say "one person is wondering". Second, there's a serious flaw of logic in this letter: The writer states: "*Why don't you speak out against the ADL? Is your loyalty to Israel that great?*" The writer is making the two entities, the state of Israel (which has, on a percentage basis, the largest militia in the world), and the ADL, (the largest anti-militia group in the world), one and the same. They're not. NJM, as a group, has no authority whatsoever to dictate to anyone what their position should be concerning the state of Israel.

In the writer's view, to be pro-Israel is to be pro-ADL. That's illogical. One's attitude towards Israel is determined by religious or political convictions. It is entirely possible to be pro-Israel because of your religious beliefs and, at the same time, anti-ADL because of your understanding of the Constitution and the value of the Second Amendment. See the difference?

Third, for the record, NJM is totally opposed to the anti-militia policies of the ADL. A lack of articles about ADL in the NJM Newsletter is not a sign of support for that group; we just haven't come up with any good stories about them (as we have about Morris Dees). To simply bash the ADL is not new or news, everyone knows what their position is.

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--MARK TWAIN

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